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## GERMAN SPY SYSTEM IS UNEARTHED

### GEN. STRONG SAILS FRIDAY FOR MAINLAND

Is Succeeded By General Treat, While General Hodges Takes Schofield Command

Brig. Gen. Frederick S. Strong will tomorrow relinquish command of the Hawaiian department, leaving here for the mainland. His place will be filled temporarily at least, by Brig. Gen. Charles G. Treat, commander at Schofield Barracks.

No orders have been received from Washington as yet assigning Gen. Treat to this new command, but he takes charge of the department through order of seniority. Brig. Gen. Henry C. Hodges, Jr., will take command at Schofield Barracks.

Gen. Strong came to Hawaii in May, 1915, to command the 1st Hawaiian Brigade at Schofield. Previous to coming here he had held command of the coast artillery district at Charleston, South Carolina.

"I have come to like Hawaii much in the last two years," said Gen. Strong recently to the Star-Bulletin. "yet I am glad to have had this call to work nearer actual activities."

Gen. Treat, who received his promotion shortly before he arrived in Hawaii last autumn, came here direct from Washington.

He has taken an active interest in army work here, and during the last several months has had an important part in the development of the big gardens at Schofield. He is well known throughout the mainland as a polo player and is interested in sports.

In leaving the department, Gen. Strong will also leave the presidency of the Aero Club of Hawaii. It is probable that this honor may be bestowed upon his successor.

Croton Leaves, Too  
Col. Richard C. Croton, senior instructor-instructor of the National Guard of Hawaii since last October, will leave tomorrow to assume command of the 63d Infantry, one of the new regiments of the national army.

Capt. L. C. Crawford, army instructor with the coast artillery companies of the national guard, will take over Col. Croton's duties at guard headquarters until permanent assignment has been made.

Col. Croton came to Hawaii on June 12, 1915, from the canal zone where he was with the 5th Infantry. His promotion to colonel from lieutenant colonel was recently announced, the officer heading the list of lieutenant colonels of infantry at the time the promotion was made.

For a time Croton was colonel of the 1st Infantry of the guard, but resigned a few months ago pursuant to orders from the war department. In his work with the guard he has impressed officers under him with his keen perception of the essential things of military work, and has driven home his lessons in a clear manner.

### TWO MEN TORN TO SHREDS BY POWDER BLAST

Two Koreans Victims of Accidental Explosion at Wai-pahu Quarry

Two Korean employees of the Hawaiian Dredging Co., Lee Young Kwon, a luna, and Lee Kyung Moon, a laborer, were blown to pieces in the Wai-pahu quarry about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon by an accidental blast. Deputy Sheriff Jack Fernandez who investigated the accident and who sent the bodies to Silva's undertaking parlors, has called an inquest at the Pearl City court house for 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

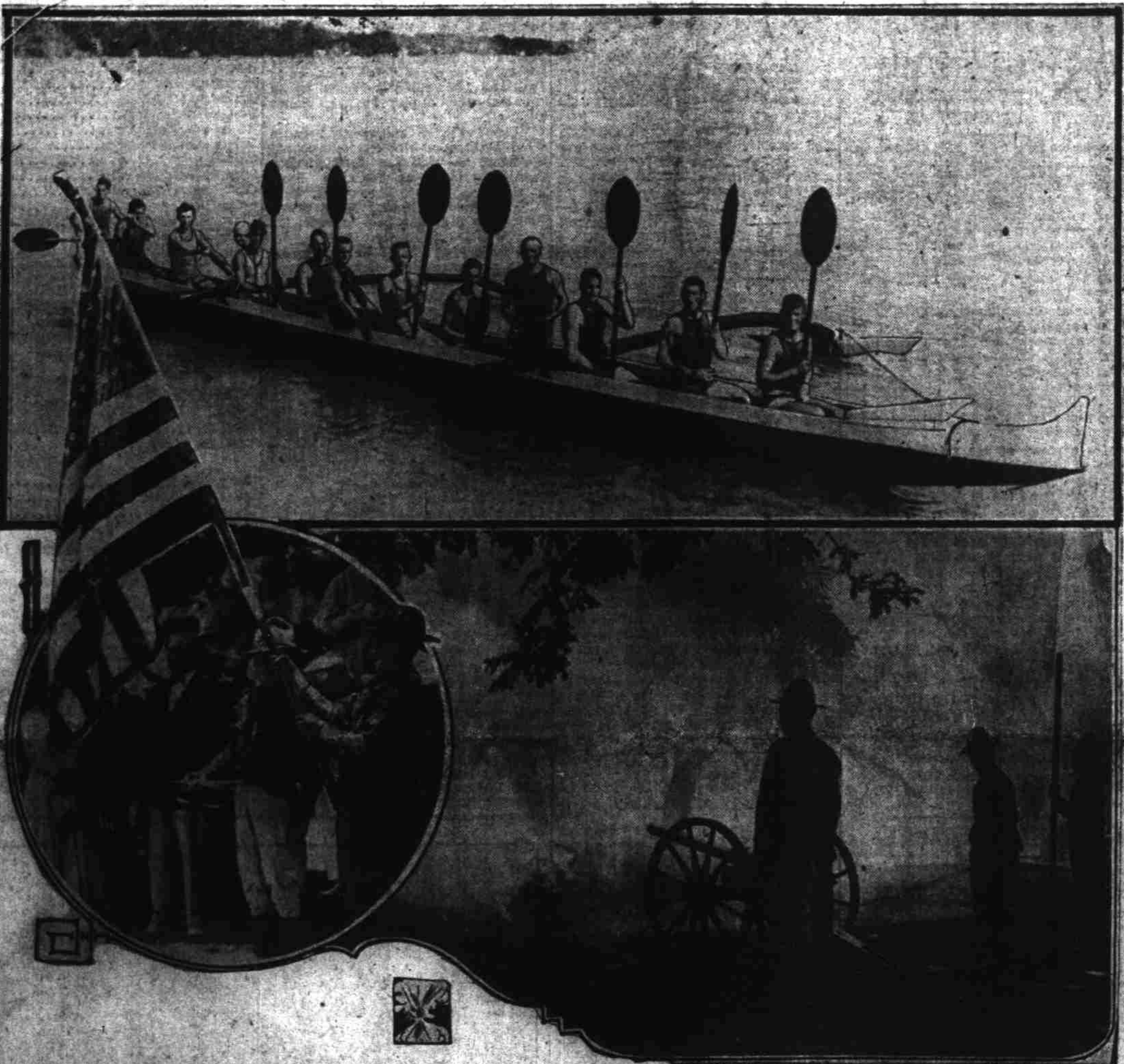
Funeral services were set for 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at Silva's and burial is to be in Nuuanu cemetery. Lee Young Kwon has been employed by the dredging company for about seven years and leaves a family. Lee Kyung Moon was unmarried.

Fernandez says the two men, who lived at the quarry, were placing a charge for work today when the explosion occurred. They had drilled a hole and were inserting about 150 pounds of black powder, which was exploded in some unknown manner. Both men were torn almost beyond recognition by flying rocks.

### JAPAN URGED TO BUILD GREAT SUBMARINE FLEET

[By Associated Press]  
TOKIO, Japan, July 5.—Japan's most influential newspaper, the Jiji, urges the government to build a large number of submarines for the defense of Japan's extended coast line, conjointly with battleships, cruisers and other kinds of warships. At the same time the newspaper advises the government to keep the number of its submarines secret.

### CROWDS SEE KAMEHAMEHA CANOE LAUNCHED JULY FOURTH IN HONOLULU HAS VIVID FEATURES



Above—Kamehameha's great outrigger canoe launched at the Outrigger club grounds. On left—Boy Scouts raise aloft Stars and Stripes as Governor Pinkham presents two of their number, Alstus Wilder and Eddie Sylva, with the prized Eagle decoration. On right—Machine gun company, National Guard, fires 45-gun salute.—Star-Bulletin Staff photos.

With an Hawaiian flag unfurled for the first time since it was hauled down on the Fourth of July that saw annexation, the big Kamehameha the Great canoe was launched yesterday at the Outrigger club with the ladies of both organizations on the grounds and the men of the Outrigger Club cheering in unison.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. H. B. Campbell, the president of the club was unable to attend the launching ceremonies, but his message was read

from the great lanai to the hundreds below about the canoe. "We are about to do something today," began the president's message, "that is full of meaning to the Outrigger Club. During the past year the younger element has stepped to the front. After many apathetic years a new spirit has crystallized among them, and we now have sprung into being an athletic organization to command the respect of any and all competitors. I am hoping to see great benefit come from energy

radiating from this organization throughout the club. To me then the launching of this great canoe is a part of any symbolic of a great good that has come to the club this year. Let it enter the water and conquer the waves as a war canoe should and let her crews always pull together in harmony."

"Dad" Center, the club captain, who is responsible for the revival of water sports in the Outrigger Club, then introduced J. Ashman Beavin, club secretary, who paid a high tribute to the work Center had accomplished and spoke of his own arduous labors as secretary. Alexander Hume Forl gave a brief review of the story of the landing of Kamehameha on Waikiki beach more than a hundred years ago and then the christening took place and the great canoe was lifted by a score of sturdy arms and the launching took place. She rode the monster waves like a sea bird.

### Postal Receipts For Quarter Show Increase of \$3217

Postal receipts for the final quarter of the fiscal year which ended last Saturday night, show an increase of \$3217.87 over the same period last year.

Receipts for the quarter ended June 30, 1917, totaled \$38,232.84, against \$35,014.97 for the year from April 1 to June 30, 1916.

"At this time last year tourist conditions were normal and there were hundreds more visitors in town than now," said Postmaster D. H. MacAdam, this morning. "The war has cut off Hawaii's tourist business, so that the increase in receipts in spite of it, indicates plainly that there are decidedly healthy and active business conditions here. If business had been poor, our receipts for the quarter just ended would certainly have shown a drop instead of a gain, because there has been no tourist trade to help the postoffice along since war was declared, April 6."

Members of the Henry Doherty public utility organizations at No. 60 Wall street, contributed two ambulances for the hospital unit of 20 ambulances sent to France.

### NEW INDUSTRY IN SIGHT IF SCHEME TO MAKE SUGAR BAGS FROM BANANA STALKS WORKS

Experiments Now Being Conducted Here to Test Value of Banana Fiber as Substitute for Jute—If Successful, Factories Will Be Erected in States, Say Promoters

Will sugar bags made from the fiber of banana plant stalks succeed the present jute bag?

There is in Honolulu today a machine which may decide the question, and revolutionize the sugar bag industry.

The machine was in operation this morning at the plant of the old Wright Carriage Works, on South street, just a few doors makai of King street.

Three men are here setting up the little plant, representing the International Fiber Company. They are G. P. Stewart, president, the inventor; J. A. Sanders, treasurer, and Herbert Freuler, general agent.

"My invention is the result of six years' work," said Stewart, this morning while at work on the machine. All three men were on the job, wearing overalls and hard at work. Some of the parts were damaged while the machinery was en route here from the mainland on the Matson liner Wilhelmina. It is being repaired by the Honolulu Iron Works.

"We are not here to sell any stock, but simply because Honolulu is the nearest place in the United States where we can get enough banana stalks to get the invention in working order," said Stewart. "We are

incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington. The machine we have here is intended only to manufacture the fiber. The bags will be made at our plant in the states. We will remain here several months. Our fiber factories will be located where bananas enough are grown to give us a steady supply."

In appearance Stewart's invention resembles the cane grinding machinery in island sugar mills. A long stalk from 12 to 15 feet in length is fed into one end, the rolls squeeze out the juice, scrapers remove the pulp, and another device separates the fiber into strings as long as the original stalk. Some of the strings wound into twine this morning seemed fully as strong as the jute twine from which all the sugar bags now used by sugar mills in the territory for shipping raw sugar to the mainland are manufactured. The invention utilizes banana stalks after the bananas are picked off.

William T. Bull, son of Dr. William T. Bull, Sr., noted surgeon, petitioned the supreme court to compel George W. Young, banker, to file an accounting. Young, who was Madame Nordica's husband, is executor of the elder Bull's estate.

### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

	Today
Alaska Gold	5 1/2
American Smelter	105
American Sugar Rfg.	118
American Tel. & Tel.	120
Anaconda Copper	79 1/2
Atchafalpa	100
Baldwin Loco.	70 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	69 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	117
Calif. Petroleum	20
Canadian Pacific	158 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	66 1/4
Colo. Fuel & Iron	50 1/2
Cruicible Steel	86
Erie Common	24
General Electric	158 1/2
General Motors, New	114 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	101 1/4
Inter. Harv. N. J.	44 1/2
Kennecott Copper	61 3/4
Lehigh R. R.	87 1/2
New York Central	52
Pennsylvania	28
Ray Consol.	92 1/2
Reading Common	91 1/4
Southern Pacific	98 1/2
Studebaker	21 1/2
Texas Oil	132 1/2
Union Pacific	126 1/2
U. S. Steel	108 1/2
Utah	92 1/2
Western Union	49 1/2
Westinghouse	49 1/2

\*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

Formal announcement of the opening of the Portuguese official school will be made at a gathering to be held Sunday night in the rooms of the Lusitana Society, at 5 o'clock.

### PROVINCES OF CHINA RISING AGAINST CHANG

General Accused of Restoring Boy Emperor Merely to Further Dictatorship

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)  
TIENTSIN, China, July 5.—A clash between armed forces of the rival factions, and the precipitation of civil war in the troubled country, are imminent.

The troops in Peking are in open opposition to Gen. Chang Shun's dictatorship, which has been assumed under the guise of the monarchy with the boy emperor back on the throne. Troops in Chihli province are mobilizing and preparing to proceed to Peking.

Wang Shi Chen has been imprisoned and Prince Huiun and eight ex-officials have been executed for opposition to the Manchus restoration. Tuan Chi Jui, ex-primer, has eloquently denounced Gen. Chang Shun for his overweening ambition, declaring that the general is also betraying the Manchus, who are his catspaw. He has called on the provinces to save China.

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, July 5.—President Li Yuan Hung of the recently overthrown Chinese republic, who was reported assassinated yesterday, is alive in the Japanese legation, according to an official message received from Baron G. Hayashi, Japanese minister at Peking, to I. Motono, foreign minister. The former president of China is receiving the protection of the Japanese legation.

President Hung took refuge in the Japanese legation following the entrance of the army of General Chang Hsun into Peking. On July 1 General Chang Hsun marched to the imperial palace, where the 12-year-old emperor has been in captivity since the founding of the republic, and restored him to the throne, overthrowing the republic.

JAPAN WON'T INTERFERE

TOKIO, Japan, July 5.—The Japanese imperial foreign relations investigation committee met yesterday to discuss the Chinese situation. The emperor presided personally over the meeting.

It was decided that Japan would not interfere in the present Chinese situation.

### JUDGE BLEDSOE DISQUALIFIED IN OIL LITIGATION

Contention of Honolulu Company in California Suits Upheld, According to Cable

What is considered good news by persons interested in Honolulu Consolidated Oil, came today in a cablegram from the mainland bearing the brief message, "Judge Bledsoe disqualified."

Suit over lands held by the oil company has been in progress for many months, and one of the arguments advanced by the company has been that Judge Bledsoe held interest in other companies and should be barred from trying the case.

Today's message seems to indicate that the stand of the Honolulu interests in this regard has been accepted in that Bledsoe has been disqualified in the case.

Prospects for Honolulu Consolidated Oil are exceedingly bright, according to one of that corporation's attorneys, George K. Whitaker, who arrived here on the Maui. Whitaker is at the Moana Hotel with Mrs. Whitaker and they go to the Volcano this afternoon and probably will return home next week.

Whitaker says that a recent decision in oil case No. A43 that the possession of a final certificate precludes any court action has made all of the Honolulu Consolidated interests exceedingly firm. The court ruled that the final certificate was equal to a patent over which the courts have no jurisdiction and for which holders are answerable only to the United States land office.

Whitaker was here 31 years ago and has not been back for 23 years. He was with Archie Cleghorn in Honolulu for some time and later was connected with Castle & Cooke in Hilo. He says Honolulu then was a typical village; now it has the aspect of a real city.

The Maxim Munitions Company announced the government's order for cartridges was the greatest single order from this country. The order was placed for 250,000,000 cartridges.

### DEVIOUS ENEMY PLOTS WILL BE THWARTED NOW

Officials of Federal Government Systematically Uncover Espionage Directed From Abroad

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—Officials of the department of justice and other branches of government who are in close touch with the official secrets made it known today that the United States is methodically unearthing a country-wide German spy system.

They declare that if the spy activities of the enemy in the United States were published, it would startle the world with the completeness with which the enemy has covered the country and the devious manner in which agents from abroad have gone about securing military and other secrets.

The federal agents are now systematically uncovering the German system and expect to break it up.

### BRITISH VESSEL SINKS DIVER ON 500-YARD SHOT

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

AN ATLANTIC PORT, July 5.—A British merchant vessel, armed, arriving today reports that in the war zone a submarine appeared as if about to attack. The gunners turned loose at the diver, at a distance of 500 yards and one shot took effect. The submarine was seen to explode and sink.

### BRITISH ACTIVE ON NORTH FRONT, DROPPING BOMBS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

LONDON, Eng., July 5.—The British forces on the northwest part of the line today advanced 800 yards at Holbeck, near Tyres, against hard fighting by the enemy.

Again today there was much activity of the German air forces. The British aeroplanes dropped several tons of bombs on the German aerodromes at Ghislies and Nieuwmanster.

### EAST FRONT IS QUIETER TODAY; MOSTLY GUNNING

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

PETROGRAD, Russia, July 5.—The Russian artillery today beat down several Teutonic attacks in Galicia. BERLIN, Germany, July 5.—The front in Galicia is reported inactive today. On the Rumanian front there is more action.

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

PARIS, France, July 5.—A battle of heavy artillery of tremendous magnitude is now raging at Verdun. On the part of the Germans it may herald a new smash over the ground so far vainly fought for. The artillery duelling extends throughout the Champagne front.

### OIL COMPANIES IN MEXICO ASKING FOR WIRELESS STATIONS

(By Associated Press)

MEXICO CITY, July 5.—Oil companies operating in the vicinity of Tampico have petitioned the government to be allowed to erect and operate wireless stations for conducting their business. The petition is under consideration, but it is said that if it is granted, it will be on condition that the stations be under government control and managed by government operators.